

Special Session

Agenda Item #	2
Meeting Date	February 22, 2005
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Reviewed By	

Discussion Item	Resolution to Proclaim February 26, 2005 “Takoma Park Equality Day”
Background	<p>Councilmember Mizeur has requested that the attached resolution proclaiming “Takoma Park Equality Day” be placed on the agenda for the February 22 Council Meeting.</p> <p>The resolution is in support of a community project bringing together gay, lesbian, and straight Takoma Park residents for an event on February 26 in support of equality for all.</p>
Policy	Council may adopt ceremonial resolutions to recognize individuals, groups and events.
Fiscal Impact	None
Attachments	Resolution
Recommendation	Review and adopt the resolution.
Special Consideration	

Introduced by: Councilmember Mizeur

**Resolution #2005-
A Resolution to Proclaim February 26, 2005 “Takoma Park Equality Day”**

- Whereas,** Takoma Park takes pride in being a progressive community that values all of its residents; and
- Whereas,** a group of gay, lesbian, and straight Takoma Park friends and neighbors have formed an alliance to work towards equality for all Marylanders; and
- Whereas,** these residents of Takoma Park gathered in March of 2004 to make homemade yard signs with the slogans, “Separate But Equal is Still Wrong,” “Don’t Legislate Discrimination,” and “Peace, Love, and Marriage For All Our Neighbors;” and
- Whereas,** these residents of Takoma Park were unable to keep up with the growing requests for equality signs and began a special collection fund to have the signs made professionally; and
- Whereas,** nearly 400 of these signs have been distributed in the name of equality; and
- Whereas,** these friends and neighbors, whether they be gay or lesbian or straight, have come together to host a Takoma Park Equality event with a reception and community gathering at a local business the evening of February 26, 2005; and
- Whereas,** Takoma Park merchants have stepped forward to support this event through donations of food, gathering space, and items for a silent auction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Takoma Park proclaims February 26, 2005 Takoma Park Equality Day and declares its support of these efforts to spread hopeful messages about equality for all.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2005.